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1. SUMMARY: SENIOR INDONESIAN FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WITH CLOSE TIES TO POWER STRUCTURE THAT MAKES ALL MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS HAS REITERATED INDONESIA'S PREFERENCE FOR MALAYSIA AS REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA ON ICCS AND OFFERED RATIONALE FOR IT. END OF SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL NURMATHIAS, FORMER HEAD OF ASIA AND PACIFIC DIRECTORATE AT FORNOFF, WAS PROMOTED LAST APRIL TO NUMBER THREE LEVEL POSITION OF DIRECTOR- GENERAL FOR SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS.
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HE RECENTLY TOLD ACTING DCM THAT HE INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW INDOCHINA AFFAIRS CLOSELY AND WOULD WELCOME OCCASIONAL UP- DATING ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. DURING JUNE 21 MEETING WITH NURMATHIAS, ACTING DCM TOLD HIM OF REFTEL CONVERSATION AND ASKED IF MALAYSIA WERE INDEED INDONESIA'S PREFERENCE TO REPLACE CANADA ON ICCS. NURMATHIAS SAID FIRST CHOICE WOULD BE AUSTRALIA BUT SINCE THAT APPARENTLY OUT OF QUESTION, MALAYSIA WOULD DEFINITELY BE NEXT CHOICE.

4. NURMATHIAS VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING AS INDONESIAN RATIONAL: BY PARTICIPATING IN ICCS, MALAYSIA WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNIST INSURGENCY AND HOW TO COUNTER IT. MALAYSIA, AT PRESENT, IS SHOWING A DISTURBING TENDENCY TO GO ALONG WITH A PREVAILING MOOD OF LEFTIST INTERNATIONALISM (SIC). INDONESIANS CAN PERSUADE MALAYSIA MILITARY, AT LEAST, TO ARREST THIS TREND, AND WILL HAVE MORE INFLUENCE WITH MILITARY IF ENGAGED IN COMMON ENTERPRISE IN VIETNAM. MALAYSIA WOULD BE A GOOD LOYAL PARTNER AND WOULD AT SAME TIME GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHTS. WE WILL LET THEM SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW COMMUNISTS OPERATE AND THEN, HOPEFULLY, THE TWO COUNTRIES' PRACTICES TOWARDS LEFTIST MOVEMENT CAN AGAIN BECOME MORE CLOSELY PARALLEL. FINALLY, IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE ANOTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY ON ICCS BECAUSE SOUTHEAST ASIANS ARE NATURALLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS THERE THAN WOULD BE NORTHERN EUROPEANS OR LATIN AMERICANS.

5. NURMATHIAS, WHO SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVING THE MATTER MUCH THOUGHT, NOTED FOLLOWING PROBLEMS: MALAYSIA FEELS IT IS SHORT OF OFFICERS FOR ITS OWN NWUNTER- INSURGENCY NEEDS. FURTHER, IT WILL NEED GOOD INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE TO STAFF ITS EMBASSY AT PEKING AND TO KEEP TRACK OF CHINESE EMBASSY AT KUALA LUMPUR. ICCS PARTICIPATION WOULD BE A
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SERIOUS BUT PROBABLY NOT UNACCEPTABLE DRAIN.
6. NURMATHIAS VOLUNTEERED IMPRESSION THAT GVN WOULD BE REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH MALAYSIA AS CANDIDATE AND THAT HANOI WOULD PREFER MALAYSIA TO MOST OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES, SEEING IT AS A COUNTRY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, I. E. TOWARDS RELATIONS WITH PRC.
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